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For: INHIBITORS OF SERINE PROTEASES, PARTICULARLY  
HCV NS3 PROTEASE

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Cambridge, Massachusetts

Commissioner for Patents  
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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(1), applicants hereby petition the Director of the Patent and Trademark Office for a five-month extension of time to respond to an Office Action dated March 22, 2007. Applicants have authorized the Director to charge payment of the Extension fee. With the extension, a response is due on or before September 22, 2007, however since September 22, 2007 falls on a Saturday this response is considered timely filed on September 24, 2007.

Respectfully submitted,

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